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(Rule 53(b) Continuation or Divisional)

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10/820695This requests a ☐ Continuation or ☒ Divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of prior application:

Appln. No.: 10/240,848

Group/Art Unit:

Filed on: October 4, 2002

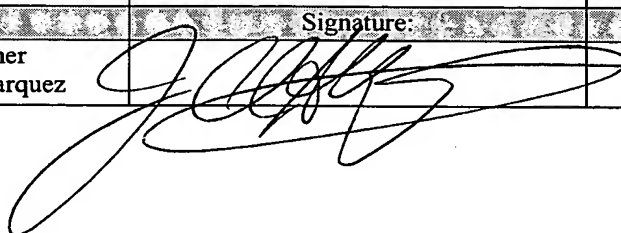
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Entitled:

PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING RESIDUES FROM THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF AN OBJECT

- ☒ 1. The entire disclosure of the pending, prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.
- ☒ 2. Submitted herewith is a copy of the complete prior application as filed.
- ☒ 3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application, 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1). **DELETE** the following inventor(s): Kaoru MASUDA, Katsuyuki IJIMA, Tetsuo SUZUKI, Nobuyuki KAWAKAMI, and Masahiro YAMAGATA.
- ☒ 4. Submitted herewith is a copy of the signed Oath/Declaration from the prior application.
- ☐ 5. Small entity status was established in the prior application, and is still proper and desired.
- ☐ 6. A ____ month Petition for Extension of Time is filed concurrently in the prior application.
- ☒ 7. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1480.
- ☒ 8. A check in the amount of \$ 810.00 for filing and assignment fees is submitted herewith.
- ☒ 9. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: This application is a Divisional of nonprovisional U.S. Application No. 10/240,848 filed October 4, 2002.
- ☒ 10. The prior application is assigned of record to: Kobe Steel, Ltd..
- ☒ 11. Priority is claimed based on U.S. Application No. 10/240,848 filed October 4, 2002, which claims the priority of Japanese Application No. 2001-034337 filed on February 9, 2001.
- ☒ 12. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☒ 13. Other: Information Disclosure Statement w/ PTO-1449

THE FILING FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

				Basic Fee:	\$ 770.00
Total Claims:	18	-20 =	0	× \$18 =	0.00
Independent claims:	3	-3 =	0	× \$86 =	0.00
REED SMITH LLP 3110 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 1400 Falls Church, VA 22042 Phone: 703-641-4200 Fax: 703-641-4340				Multiple Dependent Claim (Add \$280.00):	0
				Subtotal:	770.00
				50% Reduction if Small Entity Status:	0
				Total:	770.00
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